

frame and adapted to enclose the ends of said side rails and said junction points of said side rails and said cross members to cover sharp ends at said locations.

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4. ~~A bed frame having sharp edges at at least one location, said at least one location comprising side rails having ends, cross members affixed at junction points to said side rails intermediate said ends, leg assemblies extending downwardly from said junction points of said cross members and said side rails, and brackets adapted to affix a headboard to said bed frame, protective shields comprising at least first and second housings having formed peripheral surfaces that are joined together by means of a snap fit, said protective shields affixed to said at least one location of said bed frame to enclose and contain the sharp edges at said at least one location.~~

5. ~~A bed frame having sharp edges at at least one location comprising side rails having ends, cross members affixed at junction points to said side rails intermediate said ends, leg assemblies extending downwardly from said junction points of said cross members and said side rails, and brackets adapted to affix a headboard to said bed frame, protective shields comprising at least first and second housings joined together and having free ends, wherein one of said free ends of one of said at least first and second housings has a tab extending therefrom and said other free end of said other housing has an aperture adapted to receive said tab to affix said free ends together, said protective shields adapted to be affixed to said bed frame at said at least one location to enclose the sharp edges at said at least one said location.~~

6. ~~A protective shield to enclose and contain sharp edges of a bed frame member, said protective shield comprising first and second molded plastic housings, said first and second housings being joined together and having free ends, said first~~

and second housings having a securing means at said free ends thereof, said housings adapted to be affixed about said sharp edges of a bed frame to enclose and contain the sharp edges.

7. A protective shield as defined in claim 31 wherein said hinge is a living hinge.

8. A protective shield as defined in claim 6 wherein said shield is adapted to be affixed to a bed frame member when said free ends are affixed together.

Sub B1 9. A protective shield as defined in claim 8 wherein a bed frame member is a leg assembly.

10. A protective shield as defined in claim 8 wherein a bed frame member is at least one side rail.

11. A protective shield to enclose and contain a sharp edge or corner at at least one location about a bed frame comprising side rails having ends, cross members joined to said side rails and having legs extending downwardly from the junction of said cross members and said side rails, and brackets adapted to affix a headboard to said bed frame, said protective shield comprising first and second molded plastic housings, said first and second housings joined together and having free ends, said first and second housings having an interlocking securing means at said free ends thereof, said housings adapted to be affixed about said at least one location of said bed frame member to enclose and contain the sharp edges or corners by joining the interlocking securing means at said free ends of said first and second housings.

12. A protective shield as defined in claim 32 wherein said hinge is a living hinge.

13. A protective shield as defined in claim 11 wherein said at least one location comprises enclosing and containing legs.

14. A protective shield as defined in claim 11 wherein said at least one location comprises enclosing and containing junctions of a cross member and a side rail of a bed frame.

15. A protective shield as defined in claim 11 wherein said at least one location comprises side rails of a bed frame.

16. A protective shield as defined in claim 11 wherein said at least one location comprises ends of side rails, junctions of cross members and side rails, legs, brackets for affixing a headboard and side rails of a bed frame.

Sub C1 18. In a bed frame construction having side rails and cross members affixed to said side rails and positioned between said side rails, and leg assemblies located adjacent said junctures of said side rails and said cross members, the improvement comprising a protective shield comprising a plurality of molded plastic housings, said housings being joined together and having free ends including interlocking means to affix said free ends together, said housings being affixed to said bed frame to enclose said ends of said side rails, said junctures of said side rails and said cross members by affixing said free ends together by said interlocking means.

19. In a bed frame construction as defined in claim 18 wherein the improvement further comprises said molded plastic housings adapted to be joined together to enclose substantially the entire length of said side rails.

Please cancel claim 20.

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*Sub C1* 21. In a bed frame construction as defined in claim 33 wherein the improvement further comprises said hinge is a living hinge.

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*Sub C1* 23. In a bed frame construction as defined in claim 18 wherein the improvement comprises said interlocking means having interlocking peripheral edges adapted to be snapped together to join said free ends of said housings together.

24. A protective mounted shield for a bed frame, said shield having a pair of housings adapted to be joined together to enclose a structural member of a bed frame having sharp edges to provide protection to a user of a bed frame, said shield having indicia permanently placed on said shield.

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*Sub C1* 25. A bed frame having a plurality of structural members, at least one of said structural members having sharp edges and having a protective shield comprising a pair of housings affixed together to enclose the sharp edges of said at least one structural member to provide protection to a user of the bed frame, said protective shield having indicia permanently placed thereon indicating the source of the bed frame.

26. A protective shield to enclose and contain a sharp edge or corner of a structural or ornamental member, said protective shield comprising first and second molded plastic housings, said first and second housings joined together and having free ends, said first and second housings having an interlocking securing means at said free

ends thereof, said housings adapted to be affixed about said sharp edge or corner of a structural or ornamental member to enclose and contain a sharp edge or corner by joining the interlocking securing means at said free ends of said first and second housings.

27. A protective shield as defined in claim 26 wherein said first and second housings are joined together by means of a hinge.

28. A protective shield as defined in claim 27 wherein said hinge is a living hinge.

29. A protective shield as defined in claim 26 wherein said interlocking securing means comprises a tab on one of said first and second housings and an aperture on the other of said first and second housings and said tab interlocks into said aperture to join said free ends of said first and second housings together.

30. A protective shield as defined in claim 26 wherein said interlocking securing means comprises interlocking edges on said free ends of said first and second housings adapted to be snapped together to join said free ends of said first and second housings together.

31. A protective shield as defined in claim 6 wherein said first and second housings are joined together by means of a hinge.

32. A protective shield as defined in claim 11 wherein said first and second housings are joined together by means of a hinge.

33. In a bed frame assembly as defined in claim 18 wherein the improvement comprises said first and second housings being joined together by means of a hinge.

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